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To the Chairmen and Members of the Urban District Councils of Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, and of the Rural District Councils of Ellesmere and Wem.

The resignation of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. B. Higgle, and his departure to Canada in March, 1963, have caused Mr. Spurr, as collating officer for the five District Councils, to invite me to view these reports prior to their publication.

The first part of the combined Report relates principally to Vital Statistics.

No maternal death occurred during 1962 in any of the five Districts in connection with 560 births—this is good, though no better than it should be, the National figure being 1.35 per 1,000 live births.

The infantile mortality and perinatal (still-births and deaths in the first week) mortality figures are rather higher for Whitchurch than they are for the other Districts and Nationally ; one should draw no conclusions from total figures so small, but remember that everywhere the call is for further possible reductions in wastage of infant lives. While perinatal mortality figures show little fall over the last decade or two, this is a subject which continues to need all the study and effort we can give it.

Among 406 deaths in the Districts in 1962, 11 resulted from lung cancer, about 40 from other malignant processes and 209 from various forms of heart and vascular diseases, which usually are given as the ultimate cause of death as years advance.

Details of interest are shown in the various tables. Neither Whitchurch, with the biggest Urban District population, nor Wem, with the biggest Rural District population, had a case of Tuberculosis.

The second half of these notes contains the individual reports on the Sanitary Circumstances of each District Council by their Public Health Inspectors.

As usual, they represent the efforts of the Public Health Inspectors and other staff of the several District Council Authorities, on the environmental side—matters of hygiene and sanitation relating to Water, Food, Housing and Conservancy. It is a pleasure to commend the good work that they do, and acknowledge the happy relationships which obtain between the staffs of the County Districts and those of the County Council.

The County Council are charged to administer the personal services under the National Health Service Act 1946 for the residents in the Districts, notably the provision of Care of Mothers and Young Children ; Midwifery ; Health Visiting ; Home Nursing ; Vaccination and Immunisation ; Ambulance Services ; Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, including Mental Welfare ; and Domestic Help.

Here again the frequent and friendly co-operation between the staffs has been welcome and of benefit to all.



The County Council's new Clinic at Whitchurch was taken into use in September, 1962, offering better accommodation to the Hospital Authorities for a number of specialist out-patient sessions, as well as providing on the County Council side for all the services listed at the end of the latter paragraph.

Since the same individuals are constituents and ratepayers of both District and County Councils, it is logical and economical and practical to have the same Medical Officer of Health to carry out the statutory duties for both the County and District Council authorities, and to serve the same areas for both environmental and personal services ; and the same principle applies as regards the use of the County Council Clinic for certain Hospital purposes.

My thanks are due to the officers of your Authorities for their consistent and friendly help at all times, especially perhaps to the several Public Health Inspectors who are my principal contacts in matters of hygiene and sanitation affecting your Districts.

In writing this foreword at this time, I welcome the opportunity especially of recording my personal appreciation of the kindness always accorded to me, since I came here ten years ago, by one whom I often speak to as representing your health interests—Mr. F. Clayton, Clerk to the Whitchurch U.D.C. The County Council, who have had his sterling help as their Local Ambulance Officer since 1948, will miss his cheerful support no less than will Whitchurch and the other Districts. May he enjoy his retirement as he so thoroughly deserves.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

TOM HALL

County Medical Officer of Health

## GENERAL STATISTICS, 1962

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

### ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in Acres .....	1,220
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	2,290
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1962 .....	758
Rateable Value 1st April, 1962 .....	£27,803
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/63 .....	£110

### WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	903
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	2,600
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book on 1st April, 1962 .....	870
Rateable Value 1st April, 1962 .....	£35,107
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/63 .....	£142

### WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	6,053
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	7,150
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1962 .....	2,320
Rateable Value 1st April, 1962 .....	£93,909
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/63 .....	£378

### ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	48,253
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	7,620
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1962 .....	2,057
Rateable Value 1st April, 1962 .....	£58,492
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/63 .....	£228

### WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres .....	60,343
Population figure given by the Registrar General .....	11,720
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1962 .....	3,255
Rateable Value 1st April, 1962 .....	£127,214
Sum represented by a penny rate 1962/63 .....	£515

VITAL STATISTICS

	E/mere U.D.	Wem U.D.	W/church U.D.	E/mere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Live Births—Number .....	30	37	139	136	206
Rate per 1,000 Population .....	13.1	14.2	19.4	17.8	17.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births .....	6.7	5.4	2.1	4.4	5.3
Stillbirths—Number .....	1	1	4	3	3
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births .....	32.2	26.3	28.0	21.6	14.3
Total Live and Still Births .....	31	38	143	139	209
Infant Deaths .....	0	0	5	3	2
Infant Mortality Rates—					
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .....	0	0	36.0	22.0	9.7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	0	0	36.7	23.0	10.3
Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	0	0	0	0	0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate .....	0	0	28.8	7.4	0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate .....	0	0	21.6	7.4	0
Perinatal Mortality Rate .....	33.3	27.0	50.5	29.4	14.6
Maternal Mortality					
Number of Deaths .....	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births .....	0	0	0	0	0

POPULATION

The excess of births over deaths in the combined districts totalled 142.

Districts	Estimated Mid-Year Population			Difference
	1960	1961	1962	
Ellesmere Urban .....	2,260	2,280	2,290	+10
Wem Urban .....	2,530	2,580	2,600	+20
Whitchurch Urban .....	7,050	7,090	7,150	+60
Ellesmere Rural .....	8,090	7,470	7,620	+150
Wem Rural .....	12,390	12,120	11,720	—400
Total .....	32,320	31,540	31,380	—160

BIRTHS

(a) Live Births—The Live Birth Rate for England and Wales was 18.0.

Districts	No. of Live Births, 1962			Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Birth Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban .....	19	11	30	13.1	13.1
Wem Urban .....	23	14	37	14.2	15.1
Whitchurch Urban .....	72	67	139	19.4	20.4
Ellesmere Rural .....	81	55	136	17.8	20.1
Wem Rural .....	104	102	206	17.5	18.7
Combined Districts .....	299	249	548	17.4	—



(b) **Still Births**—The number of Stillbirths was higher than 1961. The still birth rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths for England and Wales was 18.1.

The total number recorded in the combined Districts was 12, giving a stillbirth rate of 21.4.

Districts	No. of Still-Births		
	1960	1961	1962
Ellesmere Urban .....	0	0	1
Wem Urban .....	3	0	1
Whitchurch Urban .....	3	2	4
Ellesmere Rural .....	1	2	3
Wem Rural .....	6	4	3
Total .....	13	8	12

(c) **Illegitimate Births**—4.4% of all births during the year were illegitimate compared with 4.2% in 1961 and 4.2% in 1960. 6.6% of all Births in England and Wales were illegitimate during 1962.

Districts	No. of Illegitimate Births		
	1960	1961	1962
Ellesmere Urban .....	3	2	2
Wem Urban .....	1	1	2
Whitchurch Urban .....	3	6	3
Ellesmere Rural .....	4	7	6
Wem Rural .....	10	6	11
Total .....	21	22	24

DEATHS

(a) **All Causes**

The number of deaths registered in the combined Districts during the year was 406, an increase of 62 on the 1961 figure.

By applying the area comparability factor the corrected death rates can be compared with the crude death rate for England and Wales, which was 11.9.

Districts	No. of Deaths			Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Death Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban .....	20	20	40	17.5	15.1
Wem Urban .....	20	19	39	15.0	13.2
Whitchurch Urban .....	55	66	121	16.9	12.7
Ellesmere Rural .....	39	33	72	9.4	10.9
Wem Rural .....	85	49	134	11.4	11.8
Total .....	219	187	406	12.9	—

Although there were more deaths than in the previous year, there was no mortality from Tuberculosis or such other infectious diseases as Poliomyelitis and Diptheria, while deaths due to suicide, having reached the highest level of 10 in 1961, reverted to more normal proportions with only one death. Cancer deaths at 56 were 10 more than in 1961, and lung cancer deaths increased by 3 to 11.



(b) **Infant Mortality**

There were 10 deaths notified in the first year of life, this being 1 higher than the total of 9 for the previous year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the combined Districts was 18.2 per 1,000 Live Births. The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 21.6 per 1,000 Live Births.

(c) **Maternal Mortality**

No deaths attributable to childbirth, pregnancy or abortion have been recorded during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	—	—	2	5	—
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	1	4	2	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast .. ..	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .. ..	1	—	3	—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	6	5	5	13
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	—	—	1	—	2
Diabetes .. ..	1	1	1	1	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	7	6	18	6	23
Coronary disease, angina .. ..	11	8	13	16	22
Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	—	—	2	2	1
Other heart disease .. ..	4	5	23	8	18
Other circulatory disease .. ..	3	1	2	2	8
Influenza .. ..	1	—	1	2	—
Pneumonia .. ..	2	2	4	2	10
Bronchitis .. ..	1	1	2	4	6
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	1	—	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	—	—	2	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis .. ..	—	—	1	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate .. ..	—	—	—	1	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations .. ..	—	—	1	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	3	1	36	10	17
Motor vehicle accidents .. ..	1	1	2	—	2
All other accidents .. ..	—	2	—	2	1
Suicide .. ..	—	—	—	—	1
Homicide and operations of war .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
All causes .. ..	40	39	121	72	134

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Notifiable Disease	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.	Total
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	3	—	3
Measles	48	3	—	46	4	101
Pneumonia	3	2	1	—	2	8
Scarlet Fever	1	—	24	4	17	46
Dysentery	—	2	—	—	7	9
Food Poisoning	4	—	2	—	—	6
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlatina	—	—	1	1	1	3
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	1	—	1	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	1	—	2	—	3
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—

Measles

The outbreak which occurred in December 1961 extended well into 1962.

Infectious Diseases Not Notified

**Infective Hepatitis**—Cases of this disorder were reported from Wem in August 1962.

**Infectious Mononucleosis** (Glandular Fever)—Severe cases of this condition were reported from Wem in August 1962.

**Smallpox**—Outbreaks elsewhere in Britain alerted all doctors, but no case occurred in any of the five districts.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN ANIMALS

**Anthrax**—There was an outbreak of this condition in farm animals in February, 1962. About 4 confirmations were received concerning animals in the North of Shropshire. Routine precautions to prevent the spread of the condition to human beings were undertaken.

**Dysentery**—Several cases of dysentery occurring in animals were notified to the M.O.H., in order that a watch could be kept on all human contacts. Although bacteria were recovered from the stools of human contacts in some instances, fortunately they never developed symptoms.

**Abortus Fever**—Working under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Public Health Inspectors of the County Council began to spot check herds at random during the year. These revealed that animals at Baschurch and Whitchurch were excreting the organism of abortus fever. Blood samples of human contacts revealed that the condition had not spread to them.

**Tuberculosis**—Cases in animals were reported from Weston Lullingfields in the Spring and Autumn of 1962. There were two notifications for this small village in human beings during the year, neither of them being in direct contact with animal cases.



**Lecture**—During the year the Medical Officer of Health lectured to the students of Shropshire Farm Institute, at Walford, Baschurch, on the relationship between diseases in humans and animals .

**VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION**

Vaccination against Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis, as well as Immunisation against Diptheria and Tetanus were carried out by General Practitioners, and by Clinic Doctors working in Local Health Authority Clinic and Schools in the area.

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the numbers of each carried out in the various districts. Figures for Poliomyelitis include, for the second time, those who have received a fourth injection, and also include cases receiving Oral Vaccine which came into use at the beginning of 1962.

Combined antigens came into general use in Clinics in the area during 1961.

Figures inserted in brackets give 1961 totals for purposes of comparison.

**PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH**

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[13] 13	[23] 16	[0] 1	[26] 27	[3] 10
General Practitioners	[20] 31	[117] 96	[59] 51	[179] 98	[65] 62
TOTALS	[33] 44	[140] 112	[59] 52	[205] 125	[68] 72

**PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA**

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[20] 24	[47] 29	[4] 2	[26] 32	[5] 14
General Practitioners	[21] 31	[135] 123	[79] 59	[222] 107	[66] 63
TOTALS	[41] 55	[182] 152	[83] 61	[248] 139	[71] 77



RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	[23]	16	[51]	33	[3]	1	[74]	30	[56]	25
General Practitioners	[1]	1	[79]	25	[118]	86	[113]	76	[34]	22
TOTALS	[24]	17	[130]	58	[121]	87	[187]	106	[90]	47

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS  
Personnel who received three injections of Salk or  
three doses of Sabin (Oral) Vaccine

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	(172)	77	(425)	215	(66)	36	(389)	256	(224)	130
General Practitioners	(78)	90	(176)	196	(143)	119	(361)	244	(335)	221
TOTALS	(250)	167	(601)	411	(209)	155	(750)	500	(559)	351

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS  
Personnel who received four injections of Salk or  
fourth doses of Sabin (Oral) Vaccine

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban		Ellesmere Rural		Wem Urban		Wem Rural		Whitchurch Urban	
County Council Medical Officers	(180)	38	(243)	86	(80)	46	(719)	75	(196)	42
General Practitioners	(99)	8	(43)	23	(231)	16	(229)	30	(149)	21
TOTALS	(279)	46	(286)	109	(311)	62	(948)	105	(345)	63

PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	[16] 86	[13] 93	[5] –	[18] 34	[19] 119
General Practitioners	[59] 103	[105] 343	[47] 139	[139] 296	[56] 226
TOTALS	[75] 189	[118] 436	[52] 139	[157] 330	[75] 345

RE-VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(0) 109	(0) 103	(0) 13	(1) 53	(0) 25
General Practitioners	(5) 237	(31) 467	(74) 289	(47) 522	(11) 495
TOTALS	(5) 346	(31) 570	(74) 302	(48) 575	(11) 520

IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[40] 46	[56] 56	[10] 6	[28] 43	[13] 24
General Practitioners	[21] 100	[132] 71	[79] 59	[208] 116	[78] 73
TOTALS	[61] 146	[188] 127	[89] 65	[236] 159	[91] 97

RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch Urban
County Council Medical Officers	(5) 11	(23) 24	(2) 1	(11) 18	(6) 20
General Practitioners	(1) 12	(73) 29	(117) 85	(94) 73	(24) 22
TOTALS	(6) 23	(96) 53	(119) 86	(105) 91	(30) 42

**VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS—B.C.G.**

From September 1959 the Ministry of Health indicated that personnel in the 13-18 year groups were eligible for B.C.G. vaccination. The figures given include those dealt with in that age group, together with those of the 13 year olds. The work was done by School Medical Officers at maintained and independent Schools in the area.

Comparative figures for 1961 are given in brackets.

Schools of the Undermentioned Areas	Number given Mantoux Test	Number of Positive Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Negative Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Persons who received B.C.G.
Ellesmere Urban and Ellesmere Rural	(269) 165	(54) 31	(204) 123	(200) 121
Wem Urban and Wem Rural	(150) 144	(34) 21	(182) 111	(176) 110
Whitchurch Urban	(113) 137	(15) 16	(96) 113	(95) 108

**YELLOW FEVER**

During the year 1960, the County Health Department, Shrewsbury, became a recognised centre for the administration Yellow Fever vaccine. Sessions are normally held at 3.0 p.m. on the first and third Mondays in the month, or by special appointment in emergency. A fee of 11/- is charged to each person vaccinated.

**CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS  
TUBERCULOSIS.**

The Chest Physician attends at—  
**Whitchurch, Welfare Clinic, Deermoss Lane**, the first Friday in each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Copthorne Hospital** every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**VENEREAL DISEASES.**

Facilities for Treatment—Clinics.  
**Shrewsbury, No. 1, Belmont.** MEN : Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.0 to 8.0 p.m.  
WOMEN : Mondays, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Thursdays, 5.0 to 7.0 p.m.



**HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS.**

Deermoss Hospital, Whitchurch.  
Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.  
Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of certain infectious diseases requiring hospital care are dealt with at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Sick children requiring hospital care used to be accommodated at Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury. Hospital accommodation for sick children is now provided at Copthorne ; and the Monkmoor Hospital is now used for the rehabilitation and care of geriatric patients.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the districts are:—

The Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.  
The Royal Salop Infirmary.  
The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.  
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.  
Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury.  
Oswestry and District Hospital.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

In addition, the Maelor General Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital, both in Wrexham, receive patients from the Northern parts of the districts. These hospitals are administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board.

**LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS.**

Under the National Health Service Act of 1946, the Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority, became responsible for the administration of the following services, amongst others, within the County:—

**Care of Mothers and Young Children :**

**Baschurch** — Old Orthopædic Hospital  
Child Welfare }  
and } Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
Immunisation }

Medical Officer in attendance on the first Tuesday in every month.

**Ellesmere** — Brownlow Road  
Ante-Natal }  
Child Welfare } Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
and } First Tuesday in the month  
Immunisation } 9.30 a.m. — 12 noon

Medical Officer in attendance first Tuesday in the month for both morning and afternoon sessions, on the third Tuesday afternoon in the month, and on the fifth afternoon in the month when there is a fifth Tuesday.



**Shawbury — Parish Hall**

Child Welfare and } Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
 Immunisation

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

**Wem — The Shrubbery**

Child Welfare and } Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
 Immunisation

Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

**Whitchurch — Deermoss Lane**

Ante-Natal } Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
 Midwife and Health Visitor in attendance.

Child Welfare and } Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.  
 Immunisation

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available, where necessary, for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant or nursing mothers from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The Whitchurch District Council afford valued help to the County Council in facilitating and administering the local Ambulance Depot there.

**LABORATORY FACILITIES**

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, the Director being Dr. Alun Jones. This service, originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary, undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable, particularly in the bacteriological examination of food samples in cases of suspected food poisoning.

**CHEST CLINICS, ETC.**

Chest clinics, speech therapy clinics, and psychiatric out-patients clinics are held regularly at the Whitchurch Clinic. Patients are seen at these sessions by appointment, and are referred by the general practitioner, the hospital consultant or the school medical officer, as the case may be.

**DENTAL SESSIONS**

Dental sessions are held regularly at each of the three Local Authority clinics, at Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, where patients are seen by appointment with the dental officer.

Ellesmere	.....	Brownlow Road
Wem	.....	The Shrubbery
Whitchurch	.....	Deermoss Lane

## **WELFARE FOODS**

Each of the Local Authority clinics is open at set times for the sale of these foods. Mothers attending the clinics are informed of these times and of any local variations there may be.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948** **SECTION 47**

There was no need for compulsory removal of any of the cases investigated during the year.

## **DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1944**

Several children leaving school were referred by the School Medical Officers for appropriate training.

## **TRAINING CENTRES FOR SEVERELY SUB-NORMAL CHILDREN**

Classes for severely sub-normal children continued to be held on two days per week at Whitchurch Child Welfare Centre and on one day a week at Wem Clinic, up to five children attending each centre under the charge of Mrs. Haughton.

## **PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

During 1962 the Medical Officer of Health made several dozen such examinations on behalf of the various district Councils. Some relatively trivial abnormalities, e.g. eye defects, were discovered.

## **MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY**

The regular visit of the Unit to Whitchurch was continued on the first Friday in every month. Attendances at all sessions were uniformly good. In addition, the Unit visited Wem. Several cases of pulmonary and cardiac disease previously unknown were brought to light.

## **DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES**

During 1962, some half dozen Home Helps were employed in the N.W. combined districts. They provide an invaluable service by enabling patients to remain at home during times of pregnancy and illness, and also by caring for the disabled and aged infirm.

## **BLOOD TRANSFUSION**

Blood donor sessions continued at Whitchurch, Wem, Ellesmere and Shawbury. Attendances increased in all areas.

## **HEALTH EDUCATION**

This is a continuous function of the Department. Posters regarding health matters are continuously displayed in the five districts, and positive efforts are being made by talks, demonstrations, etc. at clinics and other places in the districts. All five districts now subscribe independently to the Central Council for Health Education, which gives valuable help with health propaganda.

# INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day		1-7 days		7 days to 1 month		1-3 months		3-6 months		6-9 months		9-12 months		Total		Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
ELLESMERE U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEM U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHITCHURCH U.D.	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	36.0
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	24.3
ELLESMERE R.D.	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	22.0
WEM R.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	9.7
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	14.6



NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Districts				Deaths of infants under 1 month	Total infant deaths	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	0	0	0
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	4	5	28.8
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	4	5	19.4
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	1	3	7.4
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	0	2	0
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	1	5	2.9

CANCER

Districts				Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
				M	F		
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	2	4	6	.6
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	6	4	10	3.8
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	6	6	12	1.7
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	14	14	28	2.3
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	10	4	14	1.8
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	10	4	14	1.2
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	20	8	28	1.4



TUBERCULOSIS  
ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1962

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Cured	..	..	-	2	-	1	-	3
Left District	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1962:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
4	4	1	1	5	5

Number of Primary Notifications in 1962—NONE.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1962

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Service Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cured	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Left District	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1962:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
6	5	1	2	7	7

Number of Primary Notifications in 1962—ONE

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1962

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cured	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Left District	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1962:

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
20	16	12	4	32	20

Number of Primary Notifications in 1962—.NONE

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1962

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	2	-	-	-	2
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	..	..	-	2	-	-	-	2
Cured ..	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1
Left District ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Deaths ..	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	1

Number of cases on Register at end of 1962:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
16	7	6	4	22	11

Number of Primary Notifications in 1962— TWO.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT  
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1962

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
TOTALS ..	..	..	1	1	-	-	1	1
Cured ..	..	..	2	2	2	-	4	2
Left District ..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deaths ..	..	..	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1962:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
21	15	8	4	29	19

Number of Primary Notifications in 1962—NONE.

**TUBERCULOSIS**  
**TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR**

	Respiratory		Total	Non-respiratory		Total	Total of all Notifications
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wem U.D. ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Whitchurch U.D. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Ellesmere R.D. ..	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
Wem R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	-	2	2	-	-	-	2



**ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1962**

**Water Supply**

The Urban District takes a bulk supply of chlorinated water from the Liverpool Corporation's Vyrnwy Aqueduct. All properties within the area are on this mains supply and supplies are afforded to the surrounding Rural District in various places. Samples taken during the year have all been of high quality and no problems have arisen in either quality or quantity of water.

No cases have occurred necessitating any precautions against plumbo solvency.

Total registered on mains meter .....	43,696,000
Urban Council Meter Consumers .....	16,000,000
Urban Council Non-meter Consumers .....	27,696,000
Number of houses in district .....	786
Number of houses supplied direct from mains .....	786
Number of houses supplied by standpipe .....	0
Estimated total population .....	2,290

There are no Reservoirs in the District, all water being supplied direct to consumers under mains pressure. No further treatment is given.

**Sewage and Sewerage**

The major part of the town is sewered on a partially separate system to the Wharf Meadow sewage works where it is first received at the pumping station, and after screening and passing through detritus tanks is delivered into compressed air ejectors and delivered to the final purification and disposal section of the works .

The Elson area of the town, part of Trimpley, also the greater part of the Council Housing Estates are sewered on a combined system discharging to the Old Newnes Brook Works, which is a gravity flow system, no pumping being involved, whilst part of the Council Housing Estates discharge on a partially separate system to the Newnes Brook Works where the settled effluents are raised by pumping before discharging on to the filters. The Council has under discussion a scheme for terminating both the Newnes Brook Works as sewage disposal stations in which these stations would be combined as a pumping station to deliver the sewage to the Wharf Meadow Disposal Station for final disposal, thereby reducing the present three disposal works to one.

The Mereside area, which is below the Town main sewer level is sewered to the Mereside No. 1 and Mereside No. 2 pumping stations, the soil sewage being delivered to the Church Street sewer on the main sewer system discharging to the Wharf Works.

A small area in the Swan Hill part of the town which is below the level, of the main sewer is also under consideration for the installation of a collecting and pumping station similar to the Mereside No. 2 sewage receiving and pumping station which will, if installed, deliver to the Wharf Works.

Public Conveniences

Public Conveniences for both sexes are situated in the town at the sites listed below :

Cross Street .....	Both sexes.
Mereside .....	Both sexes.
Cremorne Gardens .....	Both sexes.
Cremorne Children's Playground	Both sexes (children only).

The accommodation in Brownlow Yard and Scotland Street has now been discontinued.

Disinfections and Disinfestations

Various works of disinfestation have been carried out during the year. A large business premises was treated for cockroaches, and an unusual infestation of mite in a large quantity of calf stomachs used in rennet making, was successfully eradicated. Cases of this kind are dealt with by Council Staff. Council Tips are regularly treated for flies, crickets and similar insect pests.

Stock vehicles using the Smithfield are required to wash and disinfect under Council Staff supervision, and routine cleansing and disinfecting are carried out at the Smithfield and the Mortuary.

Housing

Number of new houses built (Council) .....	0
Number of new houses built (Private) .....	26
Number of Improvement Grant Applications received .....	0
Number of Improvement Grant Applications granted .....	0
Number of Improvement Grant Applications refused .....	0
Number of Improvement Grant Applications completed .....	2
Number of Improvement Grant Applications outstanding .....	0
Number of houses reported unfit for human habitation .....	72
Number of unfit houses still inhabited .....	135
Number of houses rendered fit for human habitation .....	2
Number of unfit houses empty .....	4
Number of unfit houses demolished .....	0
Number of families remaining to be re-housed .....	72
Number of houses reported for minor defects .....	1
Number of unfit houses remaining to be demolished .....	72
Number of houses with minor defects remedied .....	27
Number of houses reported for being dirty .....	1
Number of houses reported for being verminous .....	0



### Meat and Food Preparing Premises

There are no slaughterhouses or knackers yards within the Urban District.

All meat and offals are distributed from central slaughtering and meat depots to the shops in metal lined closed vans capable of being thoroughly cleansed and sterilized and kept closed during transit. All offals are transported in metal containers. The personnel employed in the distribution of the meat and offals wear waterproof aprons, overalls and caps.

A considerable increase in Food Hygiene Standards has been attained this year and many improvements and alterations are in hand at present.

### Food Shops

These premises also are in process of improvement and alteration and standards will rise accordingly.

#### Food Preparing Premises

Number of Food Preparing Premises .....	31
Number of Inspections .....	105
Number of premises where improvement works are in progress .....	11
Number of Premises in which work remains to be done .....	10
Number of premises in which improvements have been completed .....	10

#### Other Food Premises

Number of premises .....	32
Number of inspections .....	97
Number of premises where improvement works are in progress .....	15
Number of Premises in which work remains to be done .....	12
Number of premises in which improvements have been completed .....	5

### Condemned Foods

Foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human food and which had been surrendered for destruction were as follows :

Cooked Meats .....	161 lbs.	7 ozs.
Fish .....	1 lb.	8 ozs.
Meat .....	4 lbs.	6½ ozs.

Numerous items of tinned and packaged foods were also surrendered and destroyed during the year.

### Mortuary

This building is entirely under the control of the Urban Council. It is situate within the curtilage of the local Police Station at The Limes, Willow Street.



The conditions of use remain unchanged, Urban residents having the free use of the service when required, a charge being made to all other users. Routine cleansing and disinfections are regularly carried out, as well as after each occasion when the building has been in use.

The building has been used on 2 occasions.

### **Pests Acts**

The duties are carried out by Council Staff who treat all Council properties and sewers as routine. Domestic premises are treated free and private business premises are charged for treatments. Various poisons are used and are kept under strict control. Particular attention has been paid this year to sewers, sewage works and Council Tips.

Number of premises found infested with rats	40
Number of premises found infested with mice	0
Number of visits and revisits .....	90
Number of visits to Council Sewage Works .....	175
Number of visits to Council Refuse Tips .....	208
Number of sewer manholes baited .....	114
Number of sewer manholes visited .....	185
Number of domestic premises treated free .....	35

### **Refuse Collection and Salvage**

This service is contracted for and the contractor has this year provided a new purpose made vehicle at the Council's request. The service is satisfactory and is carried out fortnightly over the whole district.

Waste paper is collected, baled and sold, although prices at present are not economic.

## ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

## PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	8	10	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	20	41	10	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	28	51	10	—

## 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	4	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. .. .	2	1	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient .. .. .	3	1	—	2	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	2	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	13	8	—	2	—

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied from the Council's water works at Preston Brockhurst. The supply area covers the whole Urban District plus portions of the Wem Rural District.

Consumption during the year was 49,236,000 gallons.

Four samples were taken for bacteriological analysis during 1962 ; three proved to be " Highly Satisfactory," one " Unsatisfactory." The poor sample was caused by a slight percolation from the surface at the pumping station. The supply is ample in quantity.

The number of dwellings supplied direct from the mains is .....	896
(a) direct to houses .....	878
(b) by standpipes .....	18
The number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	2,580
(a) direct to houses .....	2,543
(b) by standpipes .....	37

Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Urban district.

Housing

17 houses were built during the year by private enterprise. A housing estate of 20 dwellings is to be built by the Council in 1963. 4 properties were demolished and six were closed during 1962.

Drainage and Sewerage

The district is adequately sewered, except for one outlying portion.	
Number of houses connected to public sewers .....	853
Number of houses with private sewage disposal arrangements .....	38
Number of houses without a water closet .....	15
It is proposed to extend the sewer to drain a further 15 properties during 1963.	

Public Conveniences

There are four Public Conveniences in the district, located in the Market Hall and on the Recreation Ground.

Moveable Dwellings

Number of licences issued .....	2
Number of inspections .....	10

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.



<b>Food Premises</b>		
Bakers .....		5
Butchers .....		6
Cafés and Restaurants .....		4
Dairies .....		1
Fried Fish Shops .....		1
Fishmongers .....		1
Grocers .....		15
Sweet Shops .....		7

<b>Registered Food Premises</b>		
Number of premises .....		17
Number of inspections .....		24
Number of defects found .....		0

<b>Other Food Premises</b>		
Number of premises .....		23
Number of inspections .....		31
Number still requiring improvements .....		1
Number of defects found .....		0
Number of defects remedied .....		0

**Ice Cream**  
All ice-cream dealers serve pre-packed ice cream.

**Disposal of Condemned Food**  
The unfit food voluntarily surrendered during the year was disposed of at the refuse tip.

**Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection**  
There was only one licensed slaughterhouse in the district at the end of the year. 4 slaughtermen were licensed by the Council. 58 visits were made during the year to the two slaughterhouses and six butchers shops in the area.

<b>Carcases Inspected.</b>				Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	.....	.....		12	—	—	25	42	—
Number inspected .....	.....	.....		12	—	—	25	42	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</b>									
Whole carcases condemned .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	2.3	—
<b>Tuberculosis only.</b>									
Whole carcases condemned .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	2.3	—
Cysticerci .....	.....	.....		—	—	—	—	—	—

11 lbs. of meat were condemned.

**Food Condemned during the Year (excluding meat condemned at slaughter-houses)**

<b>Tins</b>		<b>Bacon</b>	<b>Home Killed Pork</b>
Meat	72 lbs. 9 oz.	15 lbs.	4½ lbs.
Fruit	31 lbs. 9 oz.		
<b>Cartons</b>			
Lard	28 lbs.		

**Infectious Diseases**

18 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

**Food Poisoning**

One case of food poisoning was notified during the year. The patient has now recovered.

**Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Collection and disposal of refuse is carried out by direct labour. The refuse is tipped into a disused quarry at Grinshill, the property of Wem Rural District Council.

**Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949**

Inspections of premises under this Act were carried out as follows :

Number of properties inspected .....	84
(a) Council properties inspected .....	33
(b) Dwelling houses .....	21
(c) Agricultural premises .....	3
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial .....	27
Number of properties found to be infested with rats (including Council property) .....	26
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act .....	0
Number of properties cleared of rats (excluding Council property)	13
Number of premises where rodent control was in progress by occupiers at the end of the year .....	13

Rodent control at the Sewage Works is carried out by the Council's workmen. A rabbit infestation on Council land near Love Lane was dealt with during the year.

**Nuisances**

9 visits were made regarding nuisances which arose from blocked drains and the keeping of animals.

**Verminous Premises**

3 houses in the district, found to be verminous, were disinfested.

**Pet Animals Act, 1951**

There is one licensed Pet Shop in the district.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT  
 FACTORIES ACT, 1961  
 URBAN DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE  
 Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	3	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	32	34	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is (enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises)	5	2	—	—
TOTAL ..	40	39	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	2	2	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				1	—
(a) insufficient ..	1	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	3	2	—	2	—



# WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1962 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND OF NOTICES SERVED DURING 1962

NATURE of INSPECTION	No. of visits
<b>General Sanitation :</b>	
Water supply and sampling .....	1
Drainage .....	22
Tent's, vans and sheds .....	14
Factories .....	26
Theatres and other places of entertainment .....	11
Refuse collection and disposal .....	112
Rodent control .....	41
Pet Shops .....	11
Miscellaneous sanitary visits .....	158
 <b>Under Public Health Act, 1936 :</b>	
Number of houses inspected .....	59
Number of re-visits .....	83
 <b>Under Housing and Rent Acts :</b>	
Number of houses inspected .....	27
Number of re-visits .....	45
 <b>Under the Clean Air Act, 1956 :</b>	
Number of premises visited .....	4
Number of smoke observations made .....	9
 <b>Council Houses :</b>	
Number of visits .....	756
Number of Council House applicants visited .....	47
 <b>Infectious Diseases :</b>	
Enquiries .....	8
Visits .....	8
Disinfections .....	1
 <b>Meat and Food Inspection and Food Premises :</b>	
Inspection of meat at slaughterhouse .....	329

<b>Premises Inspected :</b>	
Butchers shops and stalls .....	26
Fishmongers and Poulterers .....	18
Grocers .....	128
Greengrocers .....	21
Ice Cream premises .....	49
Restaurants and dining rooms .....	21
Fried Fish Shops .....	22
Bakehouses .....	37
Weekly produce market .....	40

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOTICES SERVED :**

<b>Under Public Health Act, 1936 :</b>	
Informal notices served .....	52
Complied .....	30
Formal notices served .....	1
<b>Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955—Section 13 :</b>	
Informal notices served .....	14
Complied .....	14

**RAINFALL**

The total rainfall for the year was 24.69 inches as compared with 27.45 inches for 1961, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch.

The average rainfall over the past 54 years is 26.73 inches.

The wettest month was April with 5.73 inches and the dryest was July with 0.94 inches. The maximum rainfall in 24 hours was 1.6 inches on 7th April, 1962.

**TEMPERATURE**

The average temperatures for the year in degrees fahrenheit as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch, were as follows :

	1960	1961	1962
January .....	38.0	36.5	38.0
February .....	37.5	43.5	40.5
March .....	41.9	42.0	36.5
April .....	47.2	45.0	45.0
May .....	55.7	49.5	50.5
June .....	62.1	54.0	57.0
July .....	59.6	60.5	60.0
August .....	57.1	60.3	57.5
September .....	55.1	58.0	54.0
October .....	49.3	49.5	49.5
November .....	43.3	42.5	42.0
December .....	35.9	34.5	34.0
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Average temperature for the year .....	48.6	47.9	47.0

The maximum temperature recorded was 77 deg. F., 25 deg. C., on 8th July, and the minimum was 7 deg. F., —13.9 deg. C., on 1st January.

**WATER SUPPLY**

The total water supply consumed during the year was 134,605,000 gallons or an average of 368,686 gallons per day.

The supply is treated with Chlorine and an average residual of less than 0.10 p.p.m. is maintained in the town.

Samples of tap water were taken regularly from various points in the town and all showed a very good, pure supply of water.

**SWIMMING BATH**

The only swimming bath in the Urban District is a tiled bath, size 48ft. x 24ft. which was erected in 1892.

The water for filling is taken from the town's water supply and treated by filtration and chlorination. The turnover period is 4½ hours.

The bath was opened from 30th April to 7th December, during which period there were 32,802 attendances.

The following tables show the attendances at the bath during the last four years :

	1959	1960	1961	1962
Total attendances from Schools .....	9,515	8,496	11,445	18,145
Boy Scouts .....	—	—	—	—
Slipper Baths .....	267	261	269	253
Youth Clubs, etc. ....	—	591	474	252
Other attendances .....	13,102	12,939	12,588	14,152
Totals .....	22,884	22,287	24,776	32,802

**SEWAGE WORKS**

A new scheme is being prepared by the Council's Consultants, for the extension of the existing works. At present the sewage effluent is unsatisfactory, and does not meet the required standards of the Royal Commission. However, investigations are being made in order to assist the Consultants, and it is anticipated that the final report will be submitted to the Council in due course.

**GENERAL DRAINAGE**

During the year there were 22 properties requiring attention to drains.

**HOUSING****Council-Owned Houses :**

Number of houses completed during the year .....	31
Number of flats completed during the year .....	8
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year .....	—
Number of flats in course of erection at end of year .....	4
The Council now own 778 houses and flats.	

**Privately-Owned Houses :**

Number of houses completed at end of year .....	14
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year .....	8



**HOUSING ACT, 1957—SLUM CLEARANCE**

During the year the following number of houses were inspected and closed :

Houses inspected .....	15
Houses closed .....	15

All the houses within the Newtown, Yardington and Pepper Street area have been inspected, and the majority of the occupiers have been re-housed. This area has now been defined a Clearance area by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and plans are in the course of preparation for the re-development of this future site.

The problem of re-housing prevents the completion of the first five year housing programme, there are 108 applications for Council Houses. And, therefore, at the time of writing it is difficult to envisage when the second five year housing programme will be commenced. In addition to the slum clearance programme, additional inspections were carried out to 8 houses, and 8 houses were closed.

**HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959**

There were six applications received during the year for Standard Grants, all of which were approved. It is evident from this number of applications that house owners are not taking advantage of improvement grants, and it is felt that more publicity ought to be directed toward the encouragement of owners to take advantage of improvement grants, as a means of providing the modern amenities.

**RODENT CONTROL**

The following number of surveys and treatments were carried out during the year :

	Surveys	Treatments
Council Properties .....	131	41
Business Premises .....	200	36
Dwelling Houses .....	109	34

All work to business premises is carried out by contract, and it is pleasing to note that most food premises avail themselves of this service.

**DISINFESTATION**

One Council property required the renewal of the living room floor which was severely affected with wood worm, and treatments were given with an approved insecticide to properties with minor infestations.

**DISINFECTION**

All books prior to return to the Public Library from households where there had been a case of infectious disease, were disinfected in the fumigator.

**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Household and trade refuse is collected four/five days a week, the severe weather temporarily affected the weekly collection, but every effort was made to maintain efficiency.

Trade premises — Allowed 1 free dustbin.

Trade premises with house — Allowed 2 free dustbins.

Charge per dustbin (in addition  
to free dustbin) — £1 6s. 0d. per annum.

The refuse is removed to the Tarporley Road tip, which is a controlled tip. No complaints were received during the year, which would indicate the absence of nuisance from vermin. The tip is frequently sprayed with insecticides, and the Rodent Operator is constantly carrying out surveys and treatments to eradicate rats.

### **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

A special report was produced on the condition of the Public Conveniences, which revealed that most of damage is attributable to misuse by the Public. Several repairs have been necessary in order to maintain reasonable conditions, particularly to the conveniences in the Victoria Jubilee Park.

The urinals situated by the railway bridge, Sedgeford Road, have been demolished owing to the insanitary conditions.

### **SALVAGE**

During the year 22 tons 9 cwts. of waste paper, and 2 tons 19 cwts. of mixed scrap was collected. Since June the waste paper firm has discontinued in business, and efforts are being made to obtain a contract with another dealer.

### **CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956**

Further complaints have been received regarding the emission of smoke and grit, from one factory. The owner was approached and suggestions made for the improved management of the furnaces. As a result some improvement has been noticeable. However, some technical problems will need further investigation and it is felt that with the co-operation of the owner this nuisance can be abated.

Constant surveillance is made of the district in order that atmospheric pollution is kept to a minimum.

### **SHOPS ACT, 1950**

This Council is the authority for the enforcement of those provisions of the Act relating to ventilation, temperature, and sanitary accommodation. One notice was served in relation to the sanitary accommodation and this has since been complied with.

### **PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT**

There are two places of entertainment, both of which are of a poor standard generally. Further works have been necessary to improve the sanitary accommodation in one place.

### **PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928 and 1936**

There are 32 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in this district.



**SMITHFIELD**

Up to 19th October, 1962, the Smithfield was used by two local firms of auctioneers on alternate Mondays and Fridays, but from that date the Council decided that auctions should be held on Fridays only. Disinfection is carried out following each market and three washing bays are provided for the cleansing of vehicles.

**SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 and 1958**

Nine persons applied for renewal of their slaughtermans licence.

**PUBLIC ABATTOIR**

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the yard to the slaughter-house has been relaid, and the roof to the small lairages renewed.

**FOOD PREMISES****FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955**

Good progress has been made generally throughout the year, and with the modernisation of certain food shops a great deal has been done to achieve the desired standards.

One serious complaint was received regarding foodstuff containing a metal staple. This was referred to the County Council for their attention, and a serious warning was given to the offender.

No cases of food poisoning were known during the year.

**ICE CREAM**

There are forty-four food premises registered for the sale of ice-cream. A serious warning was given to one ice cream van salesman for smoking whilst serving ice cream, also for the dirty condition of his clothing.

**FOOD INSPECTION**

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :

Apricots .....	100 lbs.
Ox Tongues .....	2 x 4½oz. tins
Strawberries .....	1 x 10oz. tin
Tomatoes .....	8 tins
Steak .....	2 x 15oz. tins
Greengages .....	1 tin
Salmon .....	1 tin
Stewed Steak .....	1 tin
Oxtail Soup .....	1 tin
Peas .....	2 tins
Canned Shoulder .....	1 tin
Cooked Ham .....	1 tin
Blackberries .....	4 tins
Loganberries .....	11 tins
Corned Beef .....	10 tins
Carrots .....	4 tins



**Food Inspection—Continued**

Plums .....	2 tins
Corned Beef .....	7lb.
Hamburgers .....	1 tin
Evaporated Milk .....	1 tin
Grapefruit .....	1 tin
Peaches .....	1 tin
Creamed Rice .....	2 tins

**PRODUCE MARKET**

Food stalls present the main problem in the produce market, and the general standard of hygiene is not yet of the standard desired. This is due to the positions of food stalls especially those sited outside the covered market. Every effort is made to avoid contamination of foodstuffs. A warning letter was sent to one offender for failing to wash his hands and having open food unprotected.

**FACTORIES ACT, 1937—1959**

A petroleum storage tank was tested following a complaint of smell in the cellar to a private household. It was found that the storage tank to a nearby garage was in a defective condition, and instructions were given to the owner to have the tank filled in because of its dangerous state, and this was carried out under supervision.

INSPECTION OF MEAT

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ..	1,444	1,057	791	7,655	5,253
Number inspected ..	1,444	1,057	791	7,655	5,253
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	22	12	22	39
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	625	1,356	43	641	625
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ..	43.3	128.2	5.4	8.3	11.8
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	60
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	-	-	-	-	1.13
CYSTICERCOSIS ONLY:					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-

29,650 lbs. of meat and 28,080 lbs. of offal were condemned.

**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

**URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE**

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

**PART I OF THE ACT**

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	7	18	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority .. .. .	61	38	12	—
ii i) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>—</b>

2.—**CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	1	—	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	6	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	9	7	—	3	—



**ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT, 1962**

**Water Supplies.**

These services have expanded considerably in the last year and large sections of the Council’s Comprehensive Scheme are in operation. The Dudleston Heath area has for some considerable time been supplied with Liverpool Corporation water from the Vyrnwy Aquaduct, and this has now been extended to include the whole of Welshampton Parish. The Council have also taken over and extended these supplies in the Trench and Northwood areas. The Harmer Hill and Myddle Sections are also complete.

For the remainder of the Comprehensive Scheme, the Southern Area Section has been commenced and the Northern Area Section is expected to start at any time. Various small fringe schemes are in progress at Platt Mill, Pentre and New Marton, and in other cases supplies are being afforded to other neighbouring Authorities as at Breaden Heath and Burlton.

Three other areas are supplied by borehole at Sleape, Cockshutt and Great Ness and Council Housing Site Schemes have been extended wherever possible for public use. All of these supplies will be merged in the Comprehensive Scheme in the near future.

There are still many properties in this district without proper water supply, and as outlined above the task of providing the supplies are well in hand and within reason supplies are being made available to every property. Samples taken over the whole area during the year showed the unreliability of well supplies. Mains water samples were obtained and found to be wholesome in every case, as shown in the table below.

**Number of Bacteriological Samples from :**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Public Mains Supplies .....	158	0
2. Private Mains Supplies .....	0	0
3. Wells, Streams, Pumps, etc. ....	10	19

**Number Chemical Samples from :**

1. Public Mains Supplies .....	1	0
2. Private Mains Supplies .....	0	0
3. Wells, Streams, Pumps, etc. ....	0	0

There were no cases in which plumbo solvency occurred and no special action was required. One of the Council’s existing borehole supplies was fitted with automatic chlorination during the year. Details of premises and population supplied by Public Mains are given below.

**Details of Domestic Premises and Population supplied by Public Mains.****(1) Direct to Houses.**

Parish	No. of Houses	Population (est.)
Baschurch .....	65	260
Cockshutt .....	73	292
Ellesmere Rural .....	508	2,032
Great Ness .....	0	0
Hordley .....	12	48
Little Ness .....	9	36
Myddle .....	120	480
Petton .....	0	0
Welshampton .....	172	688
Totals .....	959	3,836

**(2) By Standpipes.**

Baschurch .....	33	132
Little Ness .....	8	32

**Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.**

Arrangements for these services are inadequate in the district as a whole, even the main villages such as Cockshutt, Myddle, Baschurch, Dudleston Heath, Nesscliffe and Welshampton being unsewered. Urgent consideration has been given to these schemes recently and instructions have now been given to Consultants and staff to prepare schemes for all of these places. Council treatment plants and private disposal works continue to be emptied and desludged as necessary by purpose made vehicles on hire.

**Housing.**

Number of Houses inspected under Housing Acts .....	150
Number of Notices served .....	23
Number remedied by informal action .....	23
Number of houses demolished by agreement .....	6
Number of houses closed .....	1

**Slum Clearance.**

This work continues to be restricted to individual unfit houses pending the acquisition of sites and the commencement of the building programme.

**Improvement Grant Scheme—Housing (Financial Provisions) and House Purchase Act, 1959.**

There is a continued demand for this scheme and it is anticipated that this will increase considerably with the provision of mains water as outlined above. The Council are also to encourage applications as part of their housing programme as required by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

**Discretionary Grants.**

Number of applications received .....	32
Number of applications approved .....	31
Number of applications rejected .....	1
Number of works completed .....	10
Number of works in progress .....	20



**Standard Grants.**

Number of applications received .....	6
Number of applications approved .....	6
Number of applications rejected .....	0
Number of works completed .....	4
Number of works in progress .....	2

**Agricultural Dwellings.**

Number of applications received .....	6
Number of applications approved .....	6
Number of works completed .....	4
Number of works in progress .....	2

**Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

This service comprises a fortnightly collection of domestic refuse from all Parishes and is operated by two driver loaders and one vehicle, Approximately 2,200 premises are served and demand increases steadily. Modern trends in retail packaging and smokeless fuels are resulting in a greatly changed type of refuse, lighter, bulkier and more difficult to handle at collection point and tip. Council refuse tips are treated by the staff for rodents and insect pests at regular intervals.

**Rodent Control and Pests Acts.**

This work is carried out by a full time operator, and consists mostly of contract work at agricultural premises. No charge is made for domestic treatments.

Number of premises treated under Contract .....	59
Number of premises inspected .....	147
Number of premises infested .....	96
Number of premises treated by Council .....	92
Number of domestic premises treated (no charge) .....	25
Number of treatments to Council premises .....	68

**Petroleum Spirit Licensing.**

Number of licensed premises .....	59
Number of new licenses .....	1
Number of visits to premises .....	51
Number of licenses discontinued .....	0
Number of licenses refused .....	0

**Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouses.**

There are two Slaughterhouses in the District. One is a large factory abattoir which requires the full time services of a meat inspector, who at times requires assistance. The other is a small Slaughterhouse run in conjunction with a country butchery business. This latter requires attendance twice weekly. Full inspection cover is provided. Details of carcasses inspected and rejected appear on the attached table. Of special interest is the considerable decrease in the incidence of tuberculosis. Almost all of the cases reported were reactor cattle or those sent for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order.



**Food Preparing Premises.**

Number of food preparing premises .....	25
Number of inspections .....	83

**Other Food Premises.**

Number of premises .....	32
Number of inspections .....	98

**Condemned Food (excluding meat and offals).**

Numerous items of assorted foodstuffs were received by voluntary surrender and disposed of. Certificates were issued in each case.

**Ice Cream Premises.**

There are no manufacturers in the District and all ice cream sold is pre-packed.

Number of ice cream retailers .....	22
Number of visits .....	38

**Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.**

Some six cases of infectious disease were notified and inquiries were made on the Medical Officer's behalf in each case. In addition numerous visits were made to human contacts of transmissible animal diseases, and specimens taken as necessary.

MEAT INSPECTION  
CARCASSES INSPECTED and REJECTED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	8,386	285	5,064	2,593
Number inspected	8,386	285	5,064	2,593
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :				
Whole carcasses condemned	739	135	204	148
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2,280	23	506	310
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	30%	55.44%	13.96%	17.66%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :				
Whole carcasses condemned	14	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	157	3	0	77
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.04%	1.05%	0	2.97%
CYSTICERCOSIS :				
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	20	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	1	0	0	0
Carcasses totally condemned	0	0	0	0

# ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

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## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

#### PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	15	25	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	39	93	10	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	2	2	—	—
TOTAL ..	56	120	10	—

#### 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	12	12	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.13) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	5	12	—	7	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	3	0	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	22	26	—	7	—



# WEM RURAL DISTRICT

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1962

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

#### Water Supply.

The following are the details of the Council's piped water supplies :

#### Prees Waterworks.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	274
(a) direct to houses .....	235
(b) by means of standpipes .....	39
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	752
(a) direct to houses .....	635
(b) by means of standpipes .....	117

#### Higher Heath Waterworks.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	162
(a) permanent .....	159
(a) temporary .....	3
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	424

Parts of the villages of Preston Brockhurst, Grinshill, Ash, Clive, Hadnall and Stanton are supplied by private undertakers as follows :

#### Acton Reynald Estate Supply, Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	141
(a) direct to houses .....	120
(b) by means of standpipes .....	21
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	480

#### Duchy of Lancaster Supply, Ash

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	48
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	162

#### Meadowfield Farm Supply, Clive

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	117
(a) direct to houses .....	107
(b) by means of standpipes .....	10
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	406

#### Hardwicke Estate Supply, Hadnall

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	142
(a) direct to houses .....	107
(b) by means of standpipes .....	35
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	510

**Harcourt Estate Supply, Stanton.**

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains .....	64
(a) direct to houses .....	61
(b) by means of standpipes .....	3
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	223

**Hadnall.**

29 properties received a piped supply from Atcham Rural District through mains belonging to the Wem Rural District Council. This village scheme was completed during the year.

**Shawbury.**

84 Council houses and 145 private properties now receive a piped supply from the Air Ministry through mains belonging to the Rural District Council, a second water scheme having been completed in 1962.

In addition the hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley and the Council houses at Bridleway Gate obtain water in bulk from the Wem Urban District as follows :

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water main .....	91
(a) direct to houses .....	71
(b) by means of standpipes .....	20
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (est.)	318
(a) direct to houses .....	247
(b) by means of standpipes .....	71

**Summary.**

1. Total number of dwellings supplied from water mains	1,297
2. Total population supplied from water mains (est.)	4,176

The other 60% of the houses in the district obtain their water from boreholes and wells.

**Water Schemes in progress at the year's end.****Burlton Village Supply**

Mains laid ; supply pipes to be connected early in 1963.

**Weston Village Supply**

Work to commence shortly.

**Loppington Village Supply**

Draft scheme submitted to Ministry.

**Results of samples taken during the year from piped supplies to Villages.**

		No. of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per 100 ml.
Higher Heath .....	5.3.62	1	0
Higher Heath .....	10.7.62	0	0
Meadowfield .....	10.7.62	1	0
Prees .....	10.7.62	180+	0
Hardwick .....	10.7.62	11	0
Prees .....	17.7.62	0	0
Harcourt .....	1.10.62	90	Present
Acton Reynald .....	1.10.62	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster .....	30.10.62	4	0
Higher Heath .....	30.10.62	2	0
Hardwick .....	6.11.62	1	0
Meadowfield .....	6.11.62	0	0
Higher Heath .....	27.11.62	0	0
Duchy of Lancaster .....	27.11.62	6	0

63 samples were taken from private wells, etc., during the year.  
33 were satisfactory and 30 were unsatisfactory.

**Drainage and Sewerage.**

The only public sewer in the district is at Higher Heath. The Prees scheme has been approved by the Ministry and is out to tender, the Hadnall scheme has received Ministry approval, and schemes are in preparation for the sewerage of Ash, Prees Heath, Tilstock, Clive, Grinshill, Yorton and Loppington.

**Public Conveniences.**

There is no public convenience in the district. Plans for a convenience on Prees Heath have been prepared.

**Swimming Baths.**

There are two swimming baths in the area ; both are of the open-air type, in use during the summer months only. In each case the water is supplied from a bore, and it is regularly chlorinated and changed at weekly intervals. One satisfactory and one unsatisfactory bacteriological sample were taken during the year.

**Housing**

The Anglo-Polish temporary sites at Higher Heath have now been cleared, except for three hutments.

40 houses were built by private enterprise during the year and a further 9 are under construction. 8 houses were demolished and 5 closed during 1962. 22 Improvement Grants were made.

**Moveable Dwellings.**

Number of site licences issued .....	15
Number of inspections .....	33

**Food.**

**1. Food Premises in Area.**

Bakers .....	2
Butchers .....	3
Cafes and Restaurants .....	16
Fried Fish Shops .....	0
Fishmongers .....	1
Grocers .....	29

**2. Registered Food Premises.**

Ice Cream Premises .....	33
Preserved Food Premises .....	1
Number of inspections .....	27
Number of defects found .....	0
Number of defects remedied .....	0



3. Other Food Premises.

Grocers

Number of inspections .....	43
Number of defects found .....	1
Number of defects remedied .....	1

Bakers

Number of inspections .....	4
Number of defects found .....	1
Number of defects remedied .....	1

Cafes and Hotel Kitchens

Number of inspections .....	17
Number of defects found .....	2
Number of defects remedied .....	2

Licensed Premises

Number of inspections .....	17
Number of defects found .....	0
Number of defects remedied .....	0

4. Educational Activity.

Nil.

5. Disposal of Condemned Food.

The small quantity of food voluntarily surrendered was buried on the Council's tips.

6. Food Stocks.

No special examination of food stocks was made during 1962.

7. Ice Cream Regulations, 1947—53.

All registered premises sell pre-packed ice cream only.

8. Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection.

One slaughterhouse and one slaughterman were licensed at the end of the year. 101 visits were made to the slaughterhouse and 3 butchers shops in the district.

Carcases Inspected	Cattle ex Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	46	—	1	255	128	—
Number inspected .....	44	—	1	243	124	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	2	—	—	3	2	—
Percentage of number inspected infected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis .....	4.5	—	—	1.2	1.6	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	—	—	—	—	2	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.6	—
Cysticercosis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—

12 lbs. of meat and 15 lbs. of offal were condemned.

**Food condemned during the year** (excluding meat condemned at slaughterhouses).

**Tins**

Meat	25 lbs.	7 ozs.
Fruit	11 lbs.	12 ozs.
Soup	1 lb.	15 ozs.
Vegetables	1 lb.	4½ ozs.

**Bottles**

Horse radish Sauce	5 fl. ozs.
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**9. Infectious Diseases.**

46 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases during the year.

**10. Food Poisoning.**

Two families in the district suffered from food poisoning during 1962.

**11. Nuisances.**

A total of 11 nuisances occurred, 8 of which were abated by informal action.

**12. Verminous Premises.**

No verminous premises were reported.

**13. Common Lodging Houses.**

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

**14. Refuse Collection.**

Refuse is collected by contract from approximately 2,700 houses. The service was twice each month up to 1st April, 1962, and thereafter fortnightly. About 100 properties were added to the list served during the year. Two tips are now in use, at Grinshill and Faults.

**15. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

The following is a summary of the work carried out under this Act by all members of the staff.

Annual Contracts .....	58
Single Treatments .....	12
Domestic Premises treated (free of charge) .....	49
Number of Properties Inspected .....	1,601
(a) Premises belonging to the Local Authority .....	27
(b) Dwelling Houses .....	293
(c) Agricultural premises .....	850
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial .....	431
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	455
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	0
Number of premises cleared of rats .....	307
Number of properties where rodent control was in progress by the occupier at the end of 1962 .....	148

# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

## **RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE**

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

### **PART I OF THE ACT**

#### **1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	26	73	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	7	4	—	—
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

#### **2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND**

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	5	5	—	4	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>







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